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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN BOAT REFUGEE CRITERIA

1. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH UNHCR OFFICER IN JAKARTA, IT APPEARS AUSTRALIAN CRITERIA FOR BOAT REFUGEES IN INDONESIA ARE LESS STRICT THAN FOR OTHER POSTS BECAUSE OF AUSTRALIAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS.

FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, AUSTRALIAN WOULD NOT MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS REGARD.
THE GOA DOES NOT WANT ANY MORE REFUGEE BOATS ARRIVING IN DARWIN. THE GOI NOW APPEARS WILLING TO HOLD REFUGEE BOATS IN INDONESIA SO THAT REFUGEES CAN BE PROCESSED AND THEN FLOWN TO AUSTRALIA. PREVIOUS AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS WERE QUITE STRICT BUT NOW IT SEEMS THEY WILL ACCEPT ANYONE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE US AS CAT I OR CAT II.

2. AS AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS WILL HAVE INTERVIEWED THE ENTIRE INDONESIAN BOAT CASE POPULATION BEFORE THE NEXT VISIT OF AN INS OFFICER

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(THE LAST INS VISIT WAS IN APRIL), WE HAVE ONLY EARMARKED CAT I, CAT II AND 3 VERY STRONG CAT III CASES FOR THE US PROGRAM. THE VAST MAJORITY OF CAT III AND ALMOST ALL CAT IV REFUGEES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO ANC ACCEPTED BY AUSTRALIA.

3. REGARDING CAT III REFUGEES, JAKARTA HAS NO BASIS FOR KNOWING HOW

INDONESIAN CAT III'S WILL BE RANKED WITHIN THE OVERALL REFUGEE THE US AND AUSTRALIAN PROGRAMS OR HAVING LOW PRIORITY IN IPP-LRP, ALMOST ALL POSSIBLE CAT III'S WERE SUBMITTED TO AUSTRALIA. THIS MAY FREE SOME CAT III AND/OR CAT IV NUMBERS FOR OTHER POSTS. THE INS OFFICER DUE IN INDONESIA ON AUGUST 10 SHOULD GIVE JAKARTA SOME BASIS OF COMPARISON WITH OTHER POSTS' CLASSIFICATION OF CAT III'S

4. THERE ARE SEVERAL CASES AUSTRALIA IS RELUCTANT TO TAKE BECAUSE OF THE CLOSENESS OF THE RELATIVE ALREADY IN THE US. FAMILIES HAVE ARRIVED IN INDONESIA WHICH MUST BE SPLIT (3 FAMILIES, 22 PEOPLE). THE MINOR, UNMARRIED SIBLINGS ARE CAT I WHILE MARRIED SIBLINGS IN WHOSE CHARGE ARE THE SAID MINORS HAVE BEEN CLASSIFIED CAT IV(A) ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF IPP-LRP. THESE FAMILIES DO NOT WANT TO BE SPLIT UP AND HAVE NO TIES TO AUSTRALIA. IN LIGHT OF THE EXTENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN PROGRAM IN INDONESIA, CAN WE CLASSIFY THE MARRIED SIBLINGS IN THIS SITUATION ONLY AS CAT I?

5. ANOTHER TYPE OF CASE AUSTRALIA IS RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT IS THAT OF THE REFUGEE WHO HAS CAT I FAMILY THAT ARRIVED IN THE US AFTER JUNE 14(1FAMILY, 5 PEOPLE). WILL THIS DATE BE EXTENDED IN THE FUTURE TO ALLOW SUCH REFUGEES TO BE CONSIDERED CAT I? IF NOT AND THESE REFUGEES REMAIN CAT IV, WILL NUMBERS BE AVAILABLE FOR THE SMALL NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THIS SITUATION?

6. EXACT FIGURE ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE BUT IT APPEARS THAT AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE ACCEPTED ABOUT 500 OF THE 650 REFUGEES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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